Information Presented at the Existing Conditions, No-Action, and Cumulative Action Workshop



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Purpose of the Workshop

- Identify consequences of the alternatives?
- Identify differences between alternatives?
- Identify incremental effects of preferred alternative in combination with other related actions?

Purpose of the Workshop (continued)

- Contrast alternatives with existing conditions
- Contrast alternatives with clearly definable and highly certain future actions without the program (also known as the No-Action Alternative)
- Describe cumulative effects of future actions in association with the preferred alternative

Purpose of the Workshop (continued)

- Describe the approach for developing the:
 - Existing conditions,
 - No-Action Alternative, and
 - Cumulative impact analysis

Purpose of the Workshop (continued)

- Provide a general understanding of CALFED's proposed approach
- Gather input on the approach including suggested additions and deletions

Existing Conditions - Purpose

- CEQA and NEPA require EIRs and EISs to describe the environment affected by alternatives under consideration
- Serves as one of the baselines for comparing impacts of the alternatives